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Message

Re: United States Patent Application No. 09/820,834
Our Ref.: 13738-7US SC/ip

Please see attached Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.18(a).

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Application No.: 09/820,834 Confirmation No.: 4476
Filed: March 30, 2001
Title: ANCHORING MEMBER FOR A SUPPORT POST
Examiner: SAFAVI, Michael
Group Art Unit: 3673

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 2, 2003 for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2003 be withdrawn.

A reply to the above-mentioned Office Action was, in fact, timely filed on Monday, May 26, 2003, as evidenced by the attached papers, which include a facsimile confirmation transmittal sheet, a facsimile transmittal sheet, an Amendment Transmittal Letter and Amendment C.

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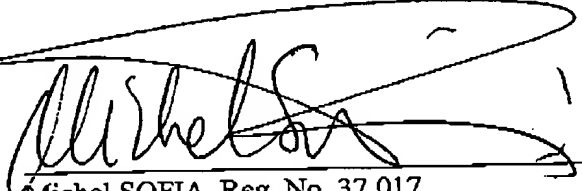
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Confirmation that the present Petition is granted is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

LAPOINTE, Jean et al.

By:


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Encl. - Amendment C + related filing docs.

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